

## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

## Retired Judge

Full Name:

Georgia V. Anderson

Business Address: None

Business Telephone: None

- 1. Have you met the Constitutional or statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? Yes
- 2. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes
- Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? No 3.
- 4. Are you engaged in any legal activities other than your service as a retired judge, such as acting as an arbitrator or mediator? No
- Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive 5. additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? No
- 6. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race. religion, or gender? No
- Have you engaged in any partisan political activity since your retirement? 7. No
- 8. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge? A judge should be courteous, patient, and attentive.
- 9. In your position as a retired judge, what methods do you employ to ensure that deadlines for the timely issuance of orders are met? I keep dockets and notes recording instructions.

- 10. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys? No
- 11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge? I would report misconduct.
- 12. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law clerks are to appear before you? I make the disclosure in open court, and only proceed if there is no objection.
- 13. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communciations? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated? Such communications should be avoided. However, it is sometimes necessary to have them when they pertain to matters of scheduling or to the issuance of ex parte emergency orders.
- 14. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion? I would recuse.
- 15. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality? I do not accept these unless they include all judiciary.
- 16. In order that we might advise court administration on steps that need to be taken, are there any limitations on your sight, hearing, or mobility that should be addressed by the court administrator? No

Sworn to before me this 28 day of Oly, 2016.

(Signature)

Patricia Anderson
(Print name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 10-29-18